

AL-I-C-018  
Sulphur Springs Methodist Church  
Gorman Road, .2 miles south of Rt. 51  
Keifers, Maryland  
1913

Methodism was very strong in the Orleans district of Allegany County, as it was in the rest of the county. The district had a number of Methodist churches, one of which was Sulphur Springs Methodist Church. The church, which was built in 1913, took its name from some very fine sulphur springs found in the area. The church is simple and utilitarian in design. As a country church, Sulphur Springs served as a social center for the residents of the surrounding area.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Sulphur Springs Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Gorman Road, .2 miles south of Rt. 51

CITY, TOWN

Keifers

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Sulphur Springs Methodist Church

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Rt. 1

CITY, TOWN

Paw Paw

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

W. Virginia, 25434

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 113

Folio #: 49

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Sulphur Springs Methodist Church is located on the eastern side of Gorman Road two-tenths of a mile south of Rt. 51 near Keifers, Maryland.

The building is rectangular, one story by one bay wide. Wall construction is frame covered with German, or novelty siding. The building has cornerboards. A square frame addition on the east is basically the same as the original section.

The building rests on a low foundation of rusticated, smooth faced, coursed ashlar stone. The addition rests on a cinderblock foundation. The roof is gable front, covered with ribbed tin. Eaves consist of a box cornice, fascia, soffit and bed moulding. A frieze is located on the eastern and western gabled facades only. One brick chimney is located on the outside end.

Windows of the original are pegged, 2/2 light, double hung, pedimented, with fluted jambs and wooden slipsills. Windows of the addition have the same treatment but have 1/1 light. One diamond shaped window with a plain wooden frame is located in the western gable. A louvered ventilator is located in the eastern gable. There are three, three light hopper windows in the basement of the addition. The main entrance is a six panel door of vertical boards. Above the entrance is a gabled hood with rafter ends exposed, asphalt shingle roof, and chamfered brackets.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1913

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In the Orleans district of Allegany County, Methodism was very strong, as it was in the rest of the county. Nearly one-half of the county's seventy-four churches in 1870 were Methodist.<sup>1</sup> In 1882, Scharf noted in his History of Western Maryland that within the Orleans district there were four Methodist Episcopal churches.<sup>2</sup>

Methodism continued as a force in the Orleans district into the twentieth century. The Sulphur Springs Methodist Church was built in 1913, and it took its name from some very fine sulphur springs found in the area. Country churches like Sulphur Springs served as traditional social centers for the residents of the surrounding area. These churches "served cultural as well as spiritual needs."<sup>3</sup>

1. Harry Stegmaier, Jr. et al., Allegany County, A History (Parsons, W. Virginia: McClain Printing Co., 1976), p. 248.
2. John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co., 1882), p. 1457.
3. Stegmaier, p. 238.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Stegmaier, Harry et al. Allegany County- A History Parsons, West Virginia: McClai. Printing Co., 1976.  
 Scharf, John T. History of Western Maryland Philadelphia: L.H.Everts Co., 1882.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/4 Acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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 ORGANIZATION

DATE  
 2-12-79

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey  
 STREET & NUMBER

3-33 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE  
 777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE  
 Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: AL-I-C-018DATE: 7/6/78REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minorNAME OF PROPERTY: Sulphur Springs Methodist ChurchLOCATION OF PROPERTY: East side of Gorman Road .2 miles south of Rt. 51DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: WestNAME OF OWNER: Methodist ChurchADDRESS: Rt. 1Paw Paw, W. Virginia 25434STORIES: 1(☒) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1(☒) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )WINGS, ADDITIONS: Square frame addition on East similar but with cinderblock foundationDWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

## WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others CornerboardsFOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone Two rows of rusticated smooth faced coursed ashlar.WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick  
Addition Wooden slipsills, fluted jams.WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(☒) 2/2(☒) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged(☒) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment(☒)ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Center of western facade gabled hood with chamfered brackets  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced(☒) and "rafter ends" asphalt shingle  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN roof.  
6 Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original(☒) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave  
on east and westROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, (tin) asphalt; original( ) replaced(☒)  
(ribbed)PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable(☒) gabled porch roof on east, 5 panel vertical  
board entrance.CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick(☒) Stone( ) Corbeled( ) original( ) replaced(☒)  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end(☒) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door &amp; Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

## COMMENTS:

USE: ReligionSIGNIFICANCE: Architecture/ReligionDATE CONSTRUCTED: 1913CONDITION: Good

One diamond shaped window in western  
gable louvered ventilator in eastern  
gable 3 3 light hopper windows in basement  
of addition.

FLOOR PLAN:

- ( ) CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- ( ) SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- ( ) IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- ( ) ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- ( ) OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- ( ) DOG-LEG
- ( ) DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- ( ) SPIRAL
- ( ) ROUNDED
- ( ) SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- ( ) PLASTER
- ( ) PANELED: original; replaced
- ( ) BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal

MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- ( ) PLAIN
- ( ) ARCHITRAVE
- ( ) SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) FLUTED
- ( ) FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

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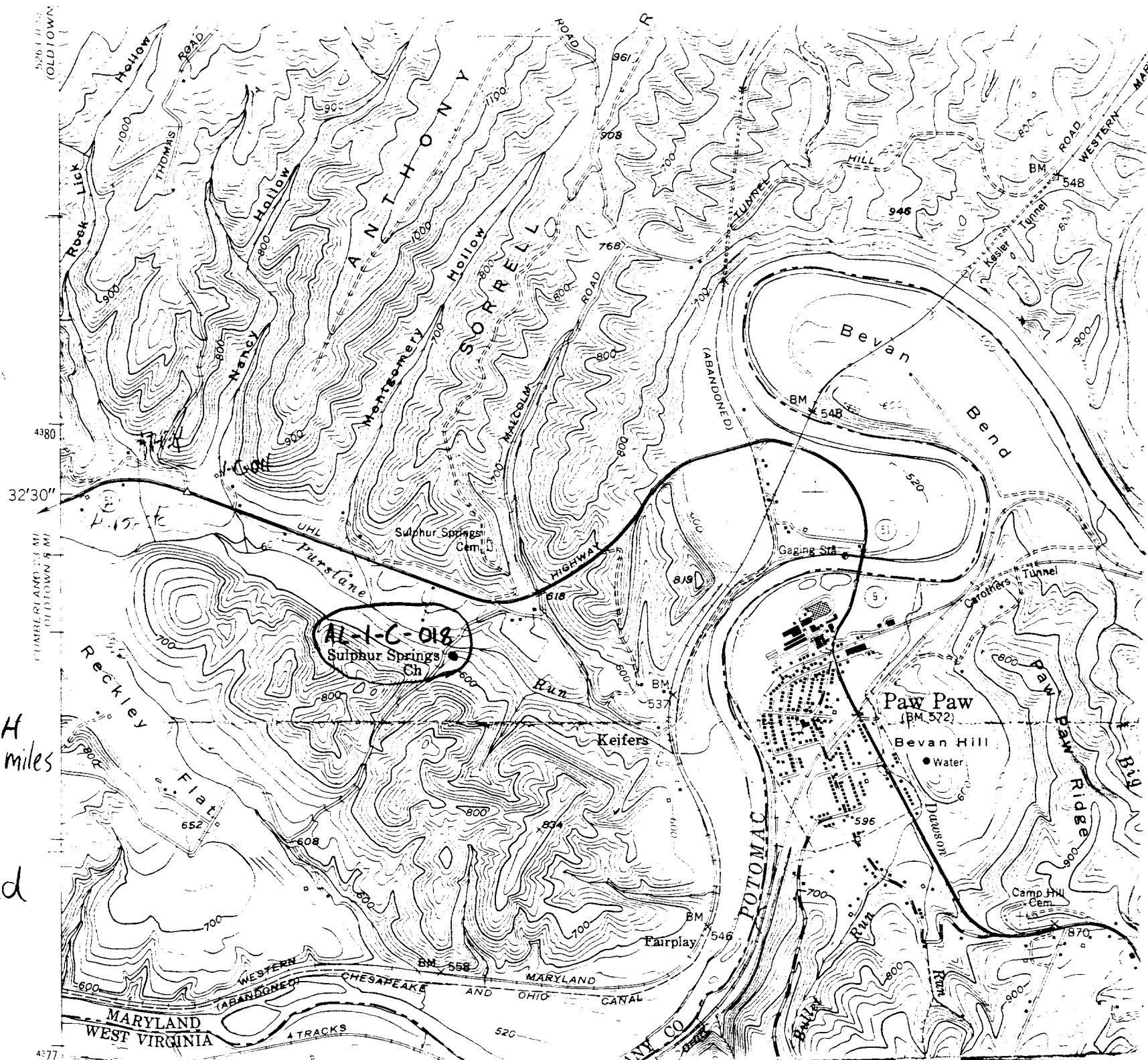
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 USGS PawPaw Quad  
 1950







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Gorman Rd. Keifers, Md

David A. Dorsey

7/6/78

Northeast